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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant to the President for
National Security Affairs**

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Radio Free Europe and Radio Liberty**

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2. We first learned of Senator Case's interest in these Radios last October, when the State Department informed us of a letter from Senator Case to Secretary Rogers of 8 October asking several questions about these Radios. A copy of Senator Case's letter is attached as Tab B. At that time Agency and State Department representatives agreed that some of Senator Case's questions could not be answered fully on an unclassified basis and that the matter had best be handled by an oral briefing by Assistant Secretary Abshire. It was further agreed that the Agency stood ready to participate if this appeared desirable.

3. We understand that State Department representatives have on a number of occasions attempted, in conversations with Senator Case and members of his staff, to schedule such a briefing but without success.

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